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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, PIC

SUBJECT: DMD/PIC Comments and Questions on NSCID No. 8

1. Is it going to be a National Photographic Intelligence Center as reflected in the USIB Memorandum or an Interpretation Center as indicated in the title of the NSCID and in Paragraph 2(a)?
2. REF: Paragraph 1(b): - If the USIB Departments and Agencies continue to be "individually responsible" for photographic interpretation and the production of photographic intelligence in support of established departmental or Agency responsibilities - question:
 - a. Is this to be done in the physical space of the NPIC?
 - b. If so, what support is expected?
3. REF: Paragraph 1(c): - Is the NPIC responsible for the "coordinated interdepartmental approach to the exploitation"? If so, does this mean NPIC will coordinate departmental requirements to avoid duplication, etc., as well as to act on those submitted for joint exploitation?
4. REF: Paragraph 1(d): - The "interchange of all pertinent photographs and photographic intelligence analysis" is fine, if we define what is pertinent and who determines thereafter what is pertinent.
5. REF: Paragraph 2(a): - This would appear to call for a DCID spelling out the specifics.
6. REF: Paragraph 2(a)(2): -
 - a. Isn't it up to us to initiate a statement of need as to the number and types of people required to accomplish given levels of work?
 - b. What other support do we need or want - funds, equipment, supplies, etc.?
 - c. Does supporting personnel mean both photographic intelligence analysts and officers or does it include photogrammetrists, administrative types, photo-lab technicians, collateral specialists, file clerks, couriers, etc.?

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d. We need to clarify with the Services what we understand "functionally" and "administratively" to mean. Would the Director, NPIC be able to direct military personnel to travel, to work overtime, etc.?

7. REF: Paragraph 2(a)(3): - Not to "nitpick" but what does "time of war" imply? Whenever the United States may be involved in a local war, police action or brush fire does this mean that the Center is to be transferred to the SECDEF or is it only in the event of total war (this too needs clarification)? Who makes such a determination?

8. REF: Paragraph 2(b): - The phrase "simultaneously and without delay for preliminary analysis" poses many problems:

a. Simultaneously would mean that NO copies should be released to NPIC or any other customers; but, could this be interpreted to mean that copies for joint exploitation are the exception?

b. The former question is now a matter of concern for COMOR and DPD-DD/P; does NPIC now take on this responsibility with the Processing Site?

c. What is considered "preliminary analysis"? Is this the preliminary interpretation conducted by OSB/TISD/PIC at the Processing Site; plotting; or, actual exploitation as we know it in ODE-type reporting?

d. Where do we draw the line with regard to "foreign intelligence related photography"? Does this include all covertly acquired photography?

e. Let's not overlook the advantages a definitive answer to these questions may have on NPIC.

9. REF: Paragraph 2(c): -

a. Does this apply to all "foreign intelligence related photography"?


b. Do we prescribe any special types?

10. REF: Paragraph 2(d): -

a. What is "finished intelligence" - this must be defined?

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- b. Who determines what photography is of departmental significance as opposed to that of the national intelligence value?
11. REF: Paragraph 2(e): - At what point do we consider our normal activities to be degraded?
12. REF: Paragraph 2(f): -
- a. What are the parameters for selection of material to be placed in the central repository?
- b. Where do we draw the line with regard to exchanges?
- c. To whom are the recommendations for compatible codes, indexes, etc. made - the USIB?
13. REF: Paragraph 2(g): - The matter of "further adaptation" must be carefully considered to protect the proprietary interests of any contractor.
14. REF: Paragraph 2(h): -
- a. Does this put the COMOR, TCO/CIA and TSO/CIA under NPIC?
- b. Where does this leave Mr. Bissell?
15. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: -
- a. Personnel assigned to NPIC from the USIB departments or agencies should be fairly permanent rather than transient types.
- b. What organizational component of the Agency will the Center be under - DCI or DD/I? If the former, does the Director, NPIC enjoy equal status with the DD/I, DD/P and DD/S?
- c. How are we to distinguish between NPIC of Navy and the NPIC established by the NSCID No. 8? Recommend the latter be redesignated NATPIC. NOTE: We are already receiving some NAVY NPIC mail.
- d. Does this NSCID also apply to ground photography? If so, where does the Graphics Register, OCR fit into the picture?
- e. What will be the actual status of the Military Elements assigned to the Center?
- f. When do we start using the designation NPIC?


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